

— Pressure for the release of hostages
for Christmas? —

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Newsast 18 Dec 89 reveals 1808
substantially the following:

- Israeli officials are making a deal with Iran to purchase several million dollars worth of oil. This is directed against the so-called common foe, Iraq.
- Iran will also benefit from purchase of (US manufactured) munitions (armament) sorely needed to replenish its mostly US based bought stock.
- This is being done with the (factual?) approval of the US Government
- The purpose is to free the three Israeli hostages, and possibly, the US hostages
- A previous (secret, unpublicized) meeting took place between an IS representative and an Iranian representative in a foreign country (Switzerland?)

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Some released I Reed Tracy
Anderson in May
after Waite

- Higgins died from internal
injuries from beatings suffered
after the downing of the IR
passenger jet by the "Vincennes."
- Higgins is buried in a
wall - rocks/cement. Body
eventually will be
recuperated.